

Lindenwald United Methodist Church

Leadership Team Minutes – June 13, 2011

Those Present:		
Linda Teague, chairperson	Sis Rimer	Linda Stephens
Sue McPeek	Mike Gossage	Judy Nesselroad
Bob Nesselroad	Leslie Hyland	Bruce Dickerson
Val Waibel	Charlene Elam	Ed Gebhart

Val led the group in prayer to open the meeting at 7pm.

May minutes were read. Judy made a motion to approve, seconded by Sue.

Treasurers Report

Sue McPeek: We needed to borrow \$5,000 from Miracle Sunday funds to meet payroll in May. Pledged contributions were down considerably for the month.

We will be making the second quarter District apportionment payment this week using money from the Undesignated Gift which was set aside at the first of the year.

Trustees Report

Mike Gossage, Chair: The trustees met on May 19th. Greg Albright outlined the technique used to paint the pastor's restroom, which removes the institutional appearance of the glazed blocks. The Trustees suggested that we paint the entry foyer of the church using this method.

The Trustees voted to continue to support studies and efforts to utilize the Arlington property for the Shepherd's Place Ministry.

The steeple report has been completed and repairs will be necessary to the steeple support system. A list of 18 items has been prioritized by the Trustees to address existing issues at the Church and at the Parsonage.

Cost estimates have been received to repair the step at the rear entrance of the church. Sis Rimer made a motion to approve up to \$300 to repair the broken step, Mike Gossage seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Parish

Val reported that the Program Staff is having monthly conversations with the Staff Parish committee.

Nominations

The recording secretary position has been filled.

Finance Report

Ed Gebhart, Chair: Ed gave a PowerPoint presentation. Pledges were down in May, while unpledged giving increased. The Finance committee will cook into the reasons for the pledge giving decrease. Audit has been completed and was okay.

Staff Reports

Senior Pastor, Val Waibel:

1. Since our last meeting, I've experienced God's Holy spirit power through college graduation, vacation, Prayer Drive-Through, praying with church members, special music by youth, West Ohio Annual Conference's Worship services and Bishop Ough's Episcopal Address.
2. Church Wide Goals: we are continually making progress-
 - a. Creating a Christ-Like Community – Building on work last year of the Spiritual Vision Team and their invitation to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ, a church-wide spiritual growth emphasis in the fall based on a book study by Dr. Gary Sweeten.
 - b. Serving our Community – We want to go deeper in our faith commitment and our walk with the Lord by continuing to support Bonwire Wesley Methodist Church in Ghana AND looking into using the Arlington Ave. home for ministry instead of rental income.
 - c. Continuing to Impact and Reach our Community- we want to again ask what's next for our Lindenwald Church by understanding how to share our faith stories in order to bring people to Christ through worship, Bible Study, and other small group studies. I am meeting again with pastors from Park Ave. and First UMC to continue our conversation about the long-term presence of the United Methodist Church in the greater Hamilton/Fairfield area.
3. Worship: 6/19/11 – Father's Day and Graduate Recognition Day...6/26/11 is Heritage Sunday...7/3/11 is Holy communion and a patriotic theme in recognition of the 4th of July
4. My challenges to care for this week include: Nursery Rotational Schedule and working on the list of Homebound and Nursing Care Facility folks for visitation by staff and Stephen Ministers and other laity.
5. Other Dates to Remember: Church Office closed on Monday, July 4thcustodian on vacation from June 13th -24th without payLinda Rouse on vacation from June 27th – July 4th.

Pastor Dan Dennis, Youth Minister:

1. Two youth members have provided Special Music for recent worship services.
2. Three of our members have volunteered to fill vacancies for St. Mark UMC's mission trip to Niagara Falls. They are trying to come up with the \$268/person. The leadership team discussed ways to help fund these 3 youths.
3. TASC Force is exploring opportunities to support a ministry. A decision is coming soon.
4. A “runner” program is being developed to keep members informed about LUMC life.
5. Calendar activities: Swimming at the Albright's home, followed by a cook out at the Teague home; swimming at the Fairfield Aquatic Center twice monthly at a cost of \$6/person/date; horseback riding and cookout in July; a “Lock-in” is being discussed ; we are planning a trip to Kings Island this summer.
6. Fundraiser: TASC Force is sponsoring a Basketball Camp at Miami University Hamilton June 27th-30th.

7. We have organized a Fellowship of Christian Athletes Huddle at Hamilton High School. A “get acquainted “ feast/fellowship is being scheduled at LUMC for July.
8. TASC Force is sponsoring a Community Pep Club for MUH athletic programs. Participants are admitted free to all HOME volleyball, basketball, baseball and softball games.
9. TASC Force will meet the 2nd Sunday of the month during the summer. Regular weekly meetings will begin in September.
10. Our youth director provided pastoral support for the Gibson family; provided worship leadership May 15th, 22nd and June 12th; is preaching Sunday, June 19th, and will provide worship leadership on July 3rd and 24th.

Charlene Elam, Music Director:

The Sanctuary Choir members met on Wednesday, May 25. Through prayer and discussion, those in attendance made the following recommendations for the 2011-2012 choir season.

1. Rehearsals will remain on Wednesday evenings.
2. Rehearsals will begin at 7:30 p.m. with an effort being made to conclude the rehearsal at 8:30 pm
3. Members will continue to invite those who attend LUMC to join them in this opportunity to enhance the worship service.
4. Emphasis will be placed on preparing music that supports a smaller group of participants.
5. The current Music Library does not contain many selections for a smaller group of participants. Concern was voiced that due to a reduced music department budget, there would not be money to purchase many selections appropriate for a smaller group of participants.

Special Music

1. Thank you to the two young ladies who presented music on June 5. Hopefully, other youth will share special music with us in the upcoming months.
2. The scheduling of Special Music for the summer has been a very frustrating struggle.
3. At the present time, even though approximately 11 individuals have voiced an interest in presenting Special Music during the 9:30 a.m. worship service, no one has confirmed a date that fits into his/her schedule.

4. Individuals who are interested in presenting Special Music at the 9:30 a.m. worship service will be invited to present his/her selection at the 11:40 a.m. worship service. (The possibility of individuals presenting at the 11:40 a.m. worship service was approved by Bruce).

Idea for Music/Worship Service

1. John Belanger shared with me that he had an idea to sing a different hymn on Sundays during the summer and tell the story about how the hymn came about. He has also talked with Pastor Valerie about doing this.

2. This has been done "many moons" ago and I personally found it to be very interesting and an idea that was received well by the congregation.

3. John plans to use a variety of different vocalist to present and lead the congregation in the selected hymns.

4. I shared with John that there are books that are available that already contains this type of information, which would make his preparation time easier.

5. I offered to give him any assistance that he may need on this musical venture.

6. Pastor Val stated that she had tentatively scheduled June 26 as the first date for this musical idea to take place.

Sanctuary Praise Band

1. In May I sent Bruce an email asking if the Sanctuary Praise Band would be playing at the 9:30 a.m. service.

2. I have received no communication back from Bruce about this. The Sanctuary Praise Band did play on June 5.

3. At the meeting, Bruce informed me that the Sanctuary Praise Band would be playing at the 9:30 a.m. worship service on July 10, July 31 and August 21.

Bruce Dickerson, DTM:

I wanted to begin by sharing that seminary ended on a high note with my grades being a minus away from being straight A's. I attended annual conference. The Immersion service went well while I was away, with Mark Finrock preaching in my absence. I also want to report that the family style dinners happening before the service are going well. The Tuesday Night Bible Study is complete for the summer and may start again after the all church book study. I preached on may 22nd while Pastor Val

was on vacation. There was a prayer drive thru held on June 3 and I participated in Spirit Fest as part of the mobile prayer team.

The praise band is in the midst of completing the upgrades that were discussed at the last leadership team meeting in May. The electronic drum set has already been used during all three services with great success.

Upcoming dates

Prayer walks around Lindenwald: 6/25 8-10

Prayer Drive Thru July 8 and Aug. 5 4:30-6PM

Outreach: No report.

UMW: No report.

UMM: Bob Nesselroad reported that the yard sale has been canceled. Breakfasts are held the 2nd Saturday of each month at Perkins.

Stephen Ministry: No report.

Spiritual Vision Team:

Greg Albright, Chair: Book Study Training Day is Saturday, June 18th.

Shepherd's Place Team: Power point report presented by Ed Gebhart.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm with Pastor Val leading us in prayer.